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1. HAVE REVIEWED ALL AVAILABLE LARGE-SCALE OVERHEAD PHOTOGRAPHY OF THE TOWN AT THE HEAD OF SAYDA GUBA TO SEE IF WE COULD AGREE WITH YOUR VIEW THAT A SUBMARINE SHELTER EXISTS AT 69-14-55N 033-14-20E

THIS IS THE AREA ADJACENT TO THE SAYDA

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GUBA NAVAL BASE, SOUTHWEST []

2. WE DO NOT BELIEVE THAT A SUBMARINE SHELTER EXISTS THERE. OUR VIEW IS THAT THE MOST LIKELY FUNCTION OF THE STRUCTURE FORMERLY AT THIS POSITION WAS A PROCESSING OR STORAGE SHED FOR A FISH PROCESSING PLANT. THIS SHED WAS TORN DOWN IN EARLY 1969. THE PROJECTED EDGE OF SHORELINE IN THIS AREA DOES NOT APPEAR TO EXTEND AS FAR OUT AS THE EDGE OF THE QUAY. WE ALSO NOTE THAT WE COULD BE SEEING WATER THROUGH THAT PORTION OF THE FOUNDATION CLOSEST TO THE EDGE OF THE QUAY. THESE FACTORS SUGGEST THAT A PART OF THIS STRUCTURE WAS BUILT ON PILINGS OUT OVER THE WATER'S EDGE- AS WAS THE QUAY.

3. WE FURTHER BELIEVE THAT BUILDINGS AT THE HEAD OF THE PENINSULA, INCLUDING THE LARGE SHED, WERE PART OF A FISH PROCESSING PLANT. THE LARGE SHED MAY HAVE BEEN WHERE THE CATCH WAS INITIALLY STORED AND CUT-UP. THE TWO BUILDINGS BEHIND THE LARGE SHED WERE MOST LIKELY INVOLVED IN THE ACTUAL PROCESSING. THIS IS INDICATED BY THE NUMEROUS ROOF VENTS AND THE PROBABLE PIPING THAT CONNECTED THEM. ADDITIONAL EVIDENCE FOR THIS CONCLUSION WAS THE SIGHTING OF A WHALE CARCASS ON THE QUAY IN APRIL 1970 [] AND THE PRESENCE OF SMALL FISHING VESSELS AT THE PIER JUST SOUTH OF THIS PENINSULA.

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4. PHYSICAL SECURITY FOR THIS AREA WAS NOT AS GREAT AS FOR THE ADJOINING NAVAL PIER AREA WHICH WAS CONSTRUCTED AFTER 1957. A NEW FENCE WAS ERECTED BY 1964 BETWEEN THE PROCESSING PLANT, AND THE NAVAL PIER AREA (ALONGSIDE THE NORTH SHORE OF THE PENINSULA). THE FENCE WHICH IS LOCATED BETWEEN THE PROCESSING PLANT AND THE TOWN HAD GAPS IN IT.

5. IT APPEARS AS IF THE ENTIRE FISH PROCESSING PLANT IS GOING TO BE DEMOLISHED. IT MAY BE ANNEXED BY THE ADJACENT NAVAL BASE. IN THIS CONTEXT THE FOLLOWING POINTS ARE WORTH NOTING. (A) IN THE PAST YEAR THE VESSELS SEEN BY THE NAVAL PIER HAVE BEEN ALMOST EXCLUSIVELY ASSOCIATED WITH THE SUPPORT OF NUCLEAR POWERED SUBMARINES: TWO PM-124 CLASS NUCLEAR SHIP SUPPORT BARGES (YRSN); ONE VALA CLASS RADIOLOGICAL LIQUID CARRIER (AOSR); ONE UNARMED SKORYY CLASS MISCELLANEOUS AUXILIARY (AG), AND UP TO EIGHT SMALL SPECIAL-PURPOSE BARGES. (B) BY 1970 THE SOVIETS DOUBLED THE LENGTH OF THE PIER TO ABOUT 700 FEET. (C) IN ADDITION TO THE LARGE SHED, OTHER STRUCTURES ASSOCIATED WITH THE FISH PROCESSING PLANT HAVE BEEN RECENTLY TORN DOWN. THEY INCLUDE THE PIPING AND SOME OF THE SMALL BUILDINGS BEHIND THE SITE OF THE LARGE SHED. (D) IN [] (THE LAST USABLE COVERAGE OF SAYDA GUBA) TWO LARGE BARGES WERE SEEN FOR THE FIRST TIME OUTBOARD OF A PLATFORM ALONGSIDE THE SKORYY AG. THEY APPEARED TO BE CARRYING UNIDENTIFIED POSSIBLE CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS.

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